

Summer 2019 Research Graduate Programme in Directorate General Research

Reference: 2018-292-TRA

Type of contract: PhD traineeship of between 3 and 12 months in total

Who can apply: EU nationals eligible for our traineeship programme ([read more](#))

Salary: [The PhD trainee grant is €1,940 per month plus an accommodation allowance.](#)

Working time: Full-time

Place of work: Frankfurt, Germany

Closing date for applications: Monday, 21 January 2019

Your team

You will participate in the summer 2019 Research Graduate Programme within the Directorate General Research. The programme is aimed at highly promising PhD students who have completed their coursework and are in the dissertation stage of their studies in economics, finance, statistics, mathematics or a related discipline. The successful candidates will work within one of the Directorate General's two divisions – the Monetary Policy Research Division or the Financial Research Division – depending on their area of expertise.

You will spend three months of the summer period conducting research on the project you outlined when applying for this programme. You will be expected to present the results of your research in a seminar at the end of the programme.

To further enhance the diversity of our team, we particularly encourage applications from female candidates.

Your role

As a Research Graduate you will:

- carry out research on a topic of relevance for the ECB (as outlined in the research proposal submitted when applying for the programme), under the supervision of a senior economist in the Directorate General;
- present the results of this research in a seminar at the end of the programme;
- engage and collaborate with economists from the Directorate General and across the ECB;
- become familiar with the working environment in the Directorate General, and more generally with the ECB and its policy challenges.

The position offers you excellent opportunities to discuss and advance your current research projects with feedback from ECB economists and visiting academics. You will be part of a multicultural team that strives for continuous innovation to make a positive impact on the lives of European citizens.

Qualifications, experience and skills

Essential:

- two years of PhD studies (or equivalent) in the field of economics, finance, statistics,

- mathematics or a related field, with completed coursework;
- an advanced command of English and an intermediate command of at least one other official language of the EU;
- a working knowledge of MS Office, in particular Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access.

You are curious and eager to learn, and want to further develop your ability to analyse complex information. You are keen to collaborate with others, pursue team goals and learn from other people's diverse perspectives. You strive to know and anticipate stakeholder needs, and will signal any need for change and propose alternative solutions.

Working modalities

This is a PhD traineeship that will run for three months during the summer of 2019.

Your application should include: (i) your CV; (ii) a proposal for policy-relevant research to be undertaken during the programme (two to four pages); and (iii) a complete list of the PhD courses you have taken, including the grades you received (the list should be issued by the relevant academic institution).

The documents should be uploaded as a single .doc or .pdf file in the “attachments” section of the application before the closing date for applications. Reference letters may be requested for short-listed candidates at a later stage of the selection process.

Further information

The recruitment process may include a pre-screening exercise and a telephone or Webex interview.

More information about the programme and the list of past participants can be found at: [read more](#)

Application and selection process

For further information on how to join us, [read more](#).